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Letter dated 9 September 2002 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing in connection with the provisions of section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Those subsidiary organs that wish to meet during a regular session of the Assembly submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received requests from the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly. The Committee on Conferences itself also wishes to meet during this time.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered these requests and the reasons for them, does not object, on the strict understanding that such meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, so that the activities of the General Assembly itself are not adversely affected. The chairpersons of these bodies will also be informed of the statistics relating to their utilization of conferences services in the past. If the benchmark figure of 80 per cent

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was not reached in the previous year, the Committee on Conferences will express its concern and make proposals for improvement.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Committee on Conferences to meet in accordance with their requests, subject to the conditions referred to in the foregoing paragraph.

(*Signed*) Andrius **Namavicius**
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